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E.O. 12065: GDS 5/31/86 (CLUNAN, J.L.) OK-M
TAGS: SREF, KU, UNHCR, AF, PK
SUBJECT: AFGHAN REFUGEES: NATIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS

REF: (A) STATE 132423, (B) KUWAIT 9793 (NOTAL),
(C) KUWAIT 2187 (NOTAL), (D) KUWAIT 2520 (NOTAL)

1. (C) ACCORDING TO OFFICIAL AT MFA, THE KUWAIT COUNCIL OF MINISTERS HAS ALLOCATED 1 MILLION KUWAITI DINARS (APPROXIMATELY \$3.7 MILLION) FOR AFGHAN REFUGEE RELIEF. OF THIS SUM, APPROXIMATELY \$1 MILLION WAS USED TO PURCHASE FOOD COMMODITIES (PRIMARILY SUGAR) ON THE LOCAL MARKET AND SHIP THEM TO PAKISTAN. SHIPPING ARRANGEMENTS WERE UNDERTAKEN BY LOCAL SHIPPING ARRANGEMENTS WERE UNDERTAKEN BY LOCAL SHIPPING COMPANY AT THE REQUEST OF THE COUNCIL OF MINISTERS. THESE COMMODITIES HAVE BEEN DELIVERED TO PAKISTAN.

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2. (C) ANOTHER \$1 MILLION HAS BEEN SENT TO THE KUWAIT

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EMBASSY IN PAKISTAN FOR FOOD PURCHASES THERE. DISTRIBUTION AND PURCHASING IS DONE BY A COMMITTEE CONSISTING OF A KUWAITI EMBASSY OFFICIAL, A PAKISTAN GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL AND A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE AFGHAN REFUGEES. THE REMAINING \$1.7 MILLION HAS NOT YET BEEN DISTRIBUTED.

3. (U) AS REPORTED REFS B AND C, ABOUT \$1.7 MILLION HAS BEEN RAISED IN KUWAIT THROUGH PRIVATE SOLICITATION. THESE CONTRIBUTIONS ARE REPORTED IN THE LOCAL PRESS AS HAVING BEEN SENT TO AFGHAN "REFUGEES".

4. (C) KUWAIT HAS NOT GIVEN HIGH PROFILE TO ITS CONTRIBUTIONS, WHICH PAKISTANI EMBASSY HERE CONSIDERS PALTRY IN TERMS OF KUWAIT'S RESOURCES, BECAUSE IT EXPECTS SOME OF ITS AID TO FILTER THROUGH TO GUERRILLAS IN FORM OF ARMS BUT DOES NOT WANT SUCH ACTIVITY TO JEOPARDIZE AN EVENTUAL KUWAITI ACCOMMODATION TO GROWING SOVIET INFLUENCE IN REGION (REF).

5. (U) DEPT MAY WISH REPEAT REFS B, C AND D TO ROME AND GENEVA.
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